

POPRO

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of the POPCORN THEATRE

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SHOWBIZ BIRDS

LET'S KNOCK HIS
HAT O...GULP!

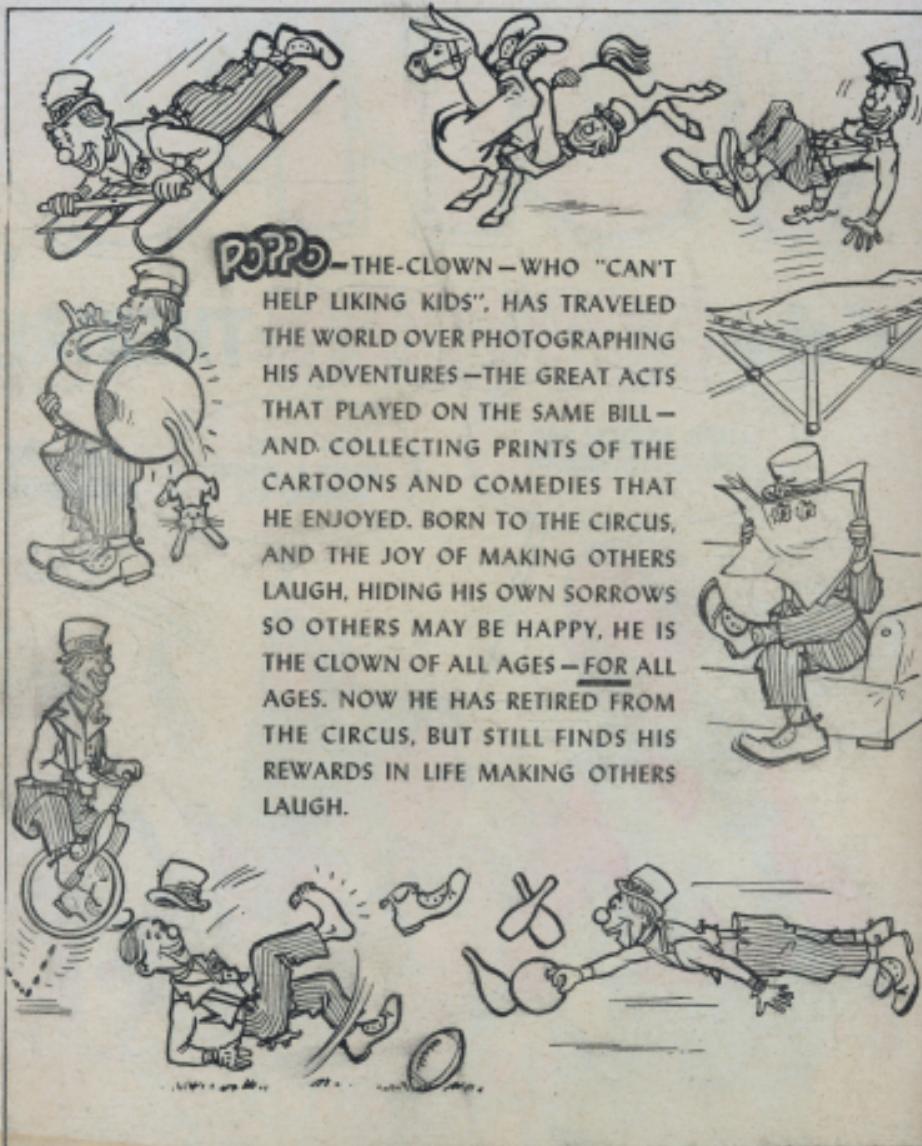
OH, BOY,
WHAT A TARGET
POPRO IS!

I GUESS
YOU KIDS ARE
TOO BUSY TO
RIDE ON MY
NEW SLED!



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POPO—THE-CLOWN—WHO "CAN'T HELP LIKING KIDS", HAS TRAVELED THE WORLD OVER PHOTOGRAPHING HIS ADVENTURES—THE GREAT ACTS THAT PLAYED ON THE SAME BILL—AND COLLECTING PRINTS OF THE CARTOONS AND COMEDIES THAT HE ENJOYED. BORN TO THE CIRCUS, AND THE JOY OF MAKING OTHERS LAUGH, HIDING HIS OWN SORROWS SO OTHERS MAY BE HAPPY, HE IS THE CLOWN OF ALL AGES—FOR ALL AGES. NOW HE HAS RETIRED FROM THE CIRCUS, BUT STILL FINDS HIS REWARDS IN LIFE MAKING OTHERS LAUGH.

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POPOPO the CLOWN

YOU'D BETTER NOT WATCH,
GINGER! IF YOU LAUGH,
IT WILL GIVE AWAY
EVERYTHING!

THE JOINT'S HAUNTED, BOSS!

C'MON AND FIGHT!
I'LL SHOW YOU
GHOSTS WHO'S
BOSS!

WHOOOO



IT'S
SNOW
MYSTERY

HEY, POPPO!
WANT TO COME
SKATING
WITH US?

I WAS PLANNING TO GET MY
EQUIPMENT READY, AND GIVE
YOU A PUPPET SHOW LATER!
SHALL I DO THAT, OR COME
SKATING WITH YOU NOW?



GIVE US
A SHOW,
OF
COURSE!

OH, BOY!
AND TELL
US SOME
JOKES
TOO,
POPO!

OKAY, KIDS! HAVE FUN,
BUT MAKE SURE THE
ICE IS AT LEAST SIX
INCHES THICK!



I THINK I'LL PUT ON A LITTLE PUNCH AND JUDY SHOW! THE KIDS'LL BE GOOD AND COOL, AND SOME LAUGHS WILL WARM THEM UP!

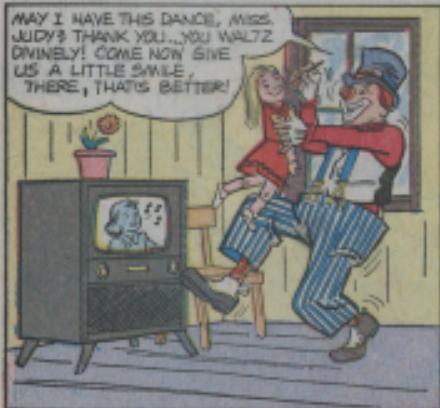


I'LL TURN ON THE TELEVISION! THERE'S NOTHIN LIKE A LITTLE MUSIC TO WORK BY!

... AND NOW, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT TALENTED SINGER, ROSEMARY BEACH WILL SING "WHEN THE MOSQUITOES COME BACK IN THE SPRINGTIME!"



MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE, MRS. JUDY? THANK YOU...YOU WALTZ DIVINELY! COME NOW, GIVE US A LITTLE SMILE THERE, THAT'S BETTER!



BLESS MY SOUL...THERE'S A TEAR IN YOUR DRESS! NOW YOU WAIT RIGHT THERE, AND I'LL GET A NEEDLE AND THREAD! DON'T RUN AWAY!



EVERYONE IN THIS AREA IS URGED TO BE ON THE ALERT FOR THREE CONVICTS WHO HAVE JUST ESCAPED FROM THE STATE PENITENTIARY! THEY'RE ARMED AND DESPERATE! DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE THEM... CALL THE POLICE AT ONCE.



THEY ARE BELIEVED TO BE TRAVELING IN A GREEN FOUR-DOOR SEDAN. HERE ARE THEIR PHOTOS. STUDY THEM.

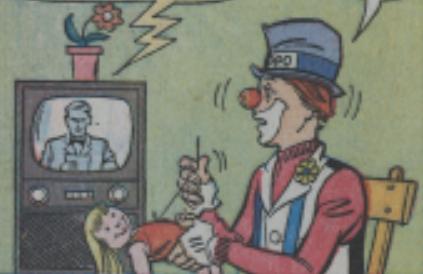


THERE WE ARE, HONEY! THE RIGHT COLOR, TOO!



AGAIN, WE INTERRUPT THIS PROGRAM TO BRING YOU ANOTHER SPECIAL BULLETIN ON THE SNOW STORM. EXTREMELY HEAVY SNOWS ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT HOUR, DEVELOPING TO BLIZZARD PROPORTIONS.

GOODNESS ME! THE KIDS ARE GOING TO BE CAUGHT IN IT!



DO NOT DRIVE YOUR CAR UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY! THE WEATHER BUREAU BELIEVES THAT THIS STORM WILL BREAK ALL RECORDS FOR THIS AREA!

GOLLY, I HOPE THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT. IF THEY DON'T GET HERE PRETTY SOON, I'LL GO AFTER THEM!



BUMPY AND GINGER ARE OUT THERE, FRANK! THEY WENT SKATING. WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!

THEY SHOULD BE HOME BY NOW. CALL JIMMIE'S HOUSE. MAYBE THEY STOPPED THERE ON THEIR WAY BACK!



THEY'RE NOT HERE, MRS. WEBSTER! IN FACT, WE WERE JUST GOING TO CALL YOU!

THEY'VE BEEN SPENDING A LOT OF TIME WITH POPPO LATELY. THEY COULD BE AT HIS HOUSE! LET'S ALL DRIVE OUT THERE BEFORE THE BLIZZARD GETS ANY WORSE!



IF I'M GOING TO GET ANYWHERE IN THAT SNOW, I'LL NEED SOMETHING EVEN BIGGER THAN MY FEET! IT CERTAINLY SHOULDN'T BE DIFFICULT TO MAKE SOME SKIS!



THESE ARE GOING TO BE THE BEST LITTLE OLD SKIS THAT EVER SKIDDED OUT FROM UNDER A GUY!

COME IN!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

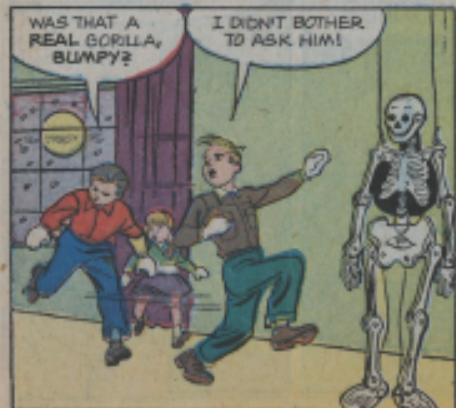






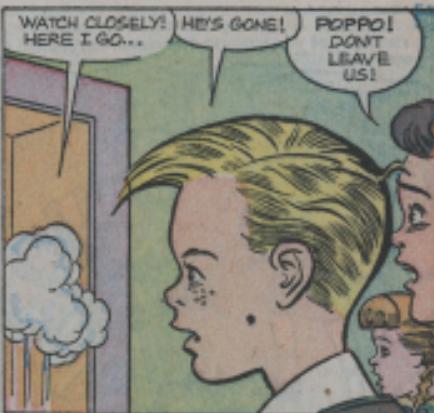


POPO COOL CHARACTERS











WE'LL BE SAFE HERE
UNTIL THE BLIZZARD
STOPS! THEN WE
CAN HEAD FOR
MEXICO!

YEAH! BUT I STILL FEEL
LIKE WE'RE BEING
WATCHED! I...
I'M SCARED!



WILL YOU CUT OUT
THAT TALK ABOUT
BEING SCARED?
YOU'RE GONNA GIVE
US ALL THE WILLIES
IF YOU DON'T
SHUT UP!

I'M SORRY, DOC! I
CAN'T HELP IT IF I
THINK SOMEBODY'S
LOOKIN' AT ME!



IF ANYBODY IS HERE, THEY'LL WISH THEY
WEREN'T, BUT THERE'S NOBODY HERE!
NOBODY!



YOWWW!! SUMPTHIN'
GRUNTED AT ME!

SO YOU'RE
STILL AT IT,
EH?



OH, OH! THEY
ALMOST CAUGHT
POPO! THAT
TIME!

LEMMIE OUT
OF HERE!
IT'S
HAUNTED,
I TELL
YOU!

YOU'RE THE BIG-
GEST CRY-BABY
I EVER SAW!
LET'S PUT HIM
OUT, DOC!



DON'T PUT ME
OUT, DOC! I'LL
FREEZE! PLEASE,
DOC,
PLEASE!

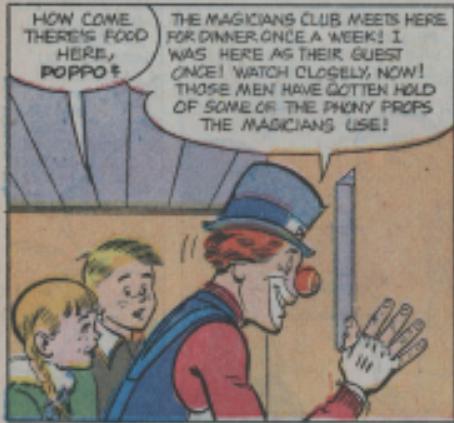
OKAY IT'S YOUR
LAST CHANCE!
NOW BUTTON
UP YOUR
BIG YAP!

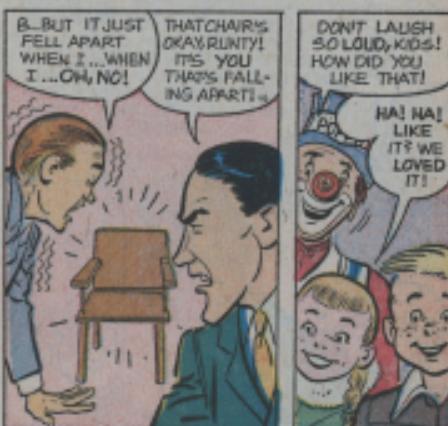
THIS SKIN'S GET-
TING TOO WARM
FOR COMFORT! I
I THINK I CAN
CRAWL OUT OF HERE
WITHOUT THEM
SEEING ME!

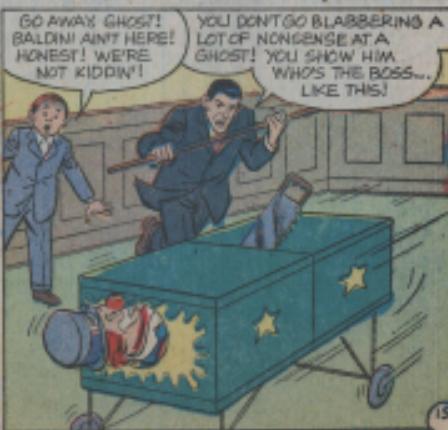


POPO

SPOOFING SPOOKS











IT'S SAFE DOWN HERE! IT'S THOSE CROOKS, WHO ARE TO BE FEARED! I'VE THOUGHT OF A WAY TO CATCH THEM!

THIS CHUTE CONNECTS WITH A TRAP DOOR IN A FRONT CLOSET! IF I CAN MAKE A RUN INTO THAT CLOSET, THEY MAY FOLLOW ME AND FALL THROUGH! AND WHEN THEY ARRIVE HERE, YOU DO WHAT YOU THINK BEST!

OKAY, POPPO—WE'RE READY!



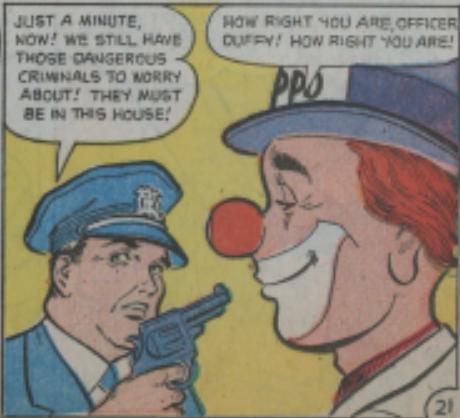




POPO

FIT TO BE TIED







IF HE WAS ANY SMALLER, HE COULD BE GIVEN AWAY AS A PRIZE IN A BOX OF CRACKERJACKS! WELL, WELL, HELLO, RUNTY!

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO HIM? I GUESS HE STIFFENED UP A LITTLE! JUST SHAKE HIM LOOSE!



HE CERTAINLY DOESN'T LOOK LIKE A VERY DESPERATE CRIMINAL!

I'M PLENTY DESPERATE, BELIEVE ME!



GET OVER THERE, RUNTY! ONE FALSE MOVE AND YOU'LL BE SORRY! I'M SORRY ALREADY! AND WHERE'S THE THIRD ONE?



READY TO BE SERVED! WILL YOU DO THE HONORS, BUMPY?

SURE, POPPO!



INTRODUCING IN THE CENTER RING, PUBLIC ENEMY NUMBER THREE!

WAIT 'TIL I GET OUT OF THESE CHAINS! I'LL FIX YOU, YOU CLOWN!

THREE STRIKES, POPPO!





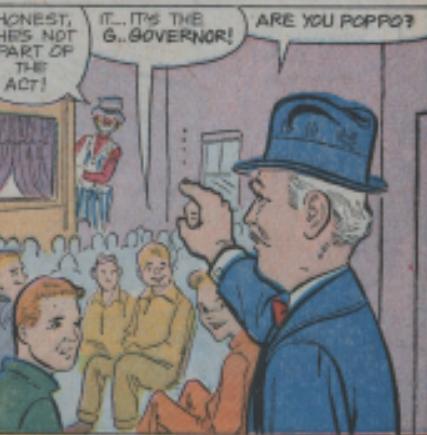


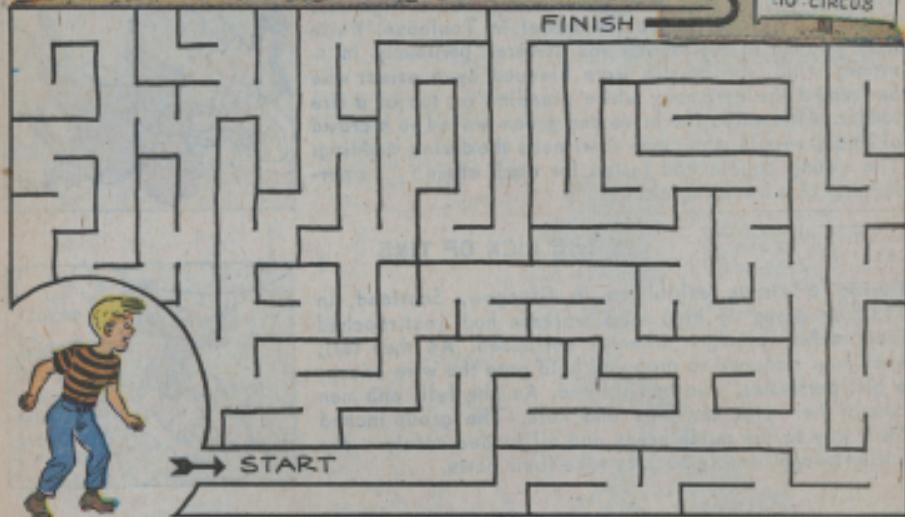
LATER AT POPPO'S POPCORN THEATRE...



HE SAID, "PARDON ME FOR LOOKING SURPRISED, SIR, BUT WE'VE NEVER HAD A REINDEER IN HERE BEFORE!"

IM NOT SURPRISED! THAT REINDEER HAD SOME NERVE!





POPO IS WAITING UP AT THE MAIN TENT WITH A FREE PASS TO THE CIRCUS FOR THIS FELLA. CAN YOU SHOW HIM THE WAY TO THE CIRCUS IN FIFTEEN SECONDS?



HERE'S A LIST OF PRIZES AT THE BALL THROWING TENT. BUT THEY'RE ALL MURKED UP. EVERY TIME YOU UNSCRAMBLE ONE, YOU SCORE A BULLSEYE! GOOD LUCK! TIME, THREE MINUTES!



POPO'S HANGING ONTO SOMETHING FOR DEAR LIFE! CONNECT THE DOTS FROM 1 TO 40, AND FIND OUT WHAT IT IS! TIME, ONE MINUTE!



CENTER RING FACTS

SPLICED IN THE SKY

The big day for two French aerialists was a high wire wedding fifty feet above the street in Toulouse. While they swayed in the breeze and teetered perilously in a strong wind, the couple were blessed by a priest who performed the ceremony while standing on top of a fire ladder. Afterwards the bride and groom waved to a crowd of 20,000 people who came to witness the daring wedding. The young couple had fallen for each other while performing in a traveling circus.



IN THE NICK OF TIME

During a circus exhibition in Glasgow, Scotland, in 1932, a group of high wire walkers had just reached their safety platform when it collapsed. As they fell, each man managed to grab and hold onto the wire except a girl performer, who had fainted. As she fell, one man caught her with his legs and held. The group inched their way to the guide poles and all landed safely — the entire troupe coming back to take their bows.



The Circus Maximus in ancient Rome under the rule of Pompey seated 150,000 spectators free. It featured boxing, wrestling, fighting elephants, men without weapons fighting lions; camel and elephant races; bareback riding; and approximately 10 to 15 chariot races, each containing from four to six chariots. The Circus Maximus was enlarged until it reached three stories high and accommodated 250,000 spectators.



CLOWN JOEY

Joseph Grimaldi, born in London in 1779, devoted 47 of the 58 years of his life to stage and circus pantomime and became the most celebrated clown of all time. He originated and standardized the dress and general routines of the sawdust comedians and, since his day, all clowns have been nicknamed "Joey" in his honor. Soon after Grimaldi's death his memoirs were edited and published in two volumes by Charles Dickens; and his costumes were presented to the London Museum, where they may be seen to the present day.



POPOPO'S BOX of TRICKS



HERE'S A SLICK CARD TRICK! TAKE A DECK OF CARDS! YOUR FRIEND HANDS THEM TO YOU ONE AT A TIME BEHIND YOUR BACK! YOU CAN NAME THE COLOR OF EACH CARD, RED OR BLACK, EVERY TIME!



HOW DO YOU DO IT? SIMPLE! JUST RUN SOME STEEL WOOL LIGHTLY OVER THE BACK AND FRONT OF EVERY RED CARD! YOU CAN THEN RECOGNIZE THE RED ONES BY THEIR ROUGHNESS!

NOW A GREAT MIND READING TRICK! LEAVE THE ROOM WHILE YOUR MEDIUM IS TOLD A SECRET NUMBER. WHEN YOU RETURN, YOU PLACE YOUR HANDS ON HIS FOREHEAD TO CONCENTRATE! ALTHOUGH NO WORD IS SPOKEN YOU ALWAYS GET THE NUMBER!



THIS IS A CUTE "ODD OR EVEN" STUNT! HOLD SEVERAL COINS IN YOUR CLOSED HAND AND OFFER TO GIVE THEM AWAY IF YOUR FRIEND CAN GUESS WHETHER THE TOTAL IS ODD OR EVEN! HE ALWAYS LOSES!

YOUR FINGERS ARE PLACED ON HIS TEMPLES AND HE CLENCHES HIS TEETH ONCE FOR EACH NUMBER. YOU CAN FEEL THE CLENCHING BUT IT CAN NOT BE SEEN BY THE AUDIENCE!



THE COINS MUST BE A DIME, A NICKEL, AND FIVE PENNIES. IF THE PERSON GUESSES ODD, TOTAL UP THE SUM TO 20 CENTS, WHICH IS EVEN. IF HE GUESSES EVEN, TOTAL UP THE NUMBER OF COINS TO 7, WHICH IS AN ODD FIGURE.



BOX of TRICKS

I'M GOING TO TEACH YOU THE FAMOUS TRICK OF THE DISAPPEARING BLUE CARD... SHOW A RED, A BLUE, AND A WHITE CARD AS YOU DROP EACH ONE INTO AN EMPTY HAT! TAKE OUT THE RED AND WHITE CARDS! ASK THE AUDIENCE TO GUESS WHAT IS LEFT! THEY GUESS BLUE, BUT... IT IS RED!

ONE CARD HAS A RED SIDE AND A BLUE SIDE. YOU SHOW THE BLUE SIDE WHEN IT GOES INTO THE HAT, AND THE RED SIDE WHEN YOU REMOVE IT! LEAVE THE REAL RED CARD IN THE HAT AND PUT THE OTHERS IN YOUR POCKET!

WANT A COLOR TRICK? HERE'S A BEAUT! PUT FIVE CRAYONS OF DIFFERENT COLORS ON A TABLE. SOMEBODY HANDBS YOU ONE BEHIND YOUR BACK! BY FINGERING IT, YOU CAN TELL HIM WHAT COLOR IT IS!



HERE'S A NIFTY COIN TRICK! PLACE A CENT AND A DIME ON THE TABLE! WHEN YOU TURN AWAY, SOMEONE PICKS UP ONE COIN AND HOLDS IT OVER YOUR HEAD WHILE YOU SAY POPPO TEN TIMES. THEN THE COIN IS REPLACED ON THE TABLE. NOW PLACE BOTH COINS ON YOUR FOREHEAD. CON-CEN-TRATE... AND YOU WILL KNOW WHICH ONE WAS CHOSEN!



WHEN THE CRAYON IS PLACED IN YOUR HAND, YOU SCRAPE OFF A SMALL BIT WITH YOUR FINGERNAIL. POINT YOUR FINGER, DRAMATICALLY AS YOU ANNOUNCE THE COLOR. YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE IT.

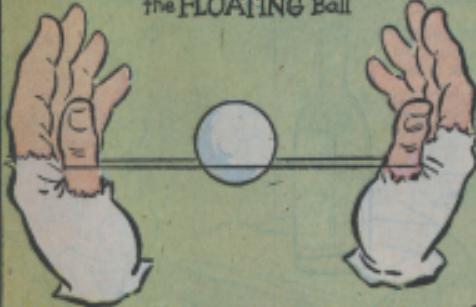
THE WARMEST COIN WILL BE THE CORRECT ONE. THE HEAT OF THE PERSON'S HAND WILL HAVE MADE IT WARMER THAN THE OTHER!

BOX OF TRICKS

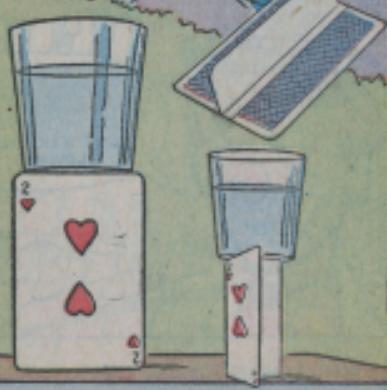


THIS UNUSUAL EFFECT WILL REALLY ASTOUND YOUR FRIENDS! POKE A RED BALLOON INSIDE A BLUE ONE, INFLATE THEM BOTH, THE OUTER ONE A LITTLE MORE THAN THE INNER ONE, WITH A PIN CONCEALED IN YOUR HAND. CAREFULLY, PRICK THE BLUE BALLOON. IT WILL EXPLODE AND YOU WILL NOW BE HOLDING A RED BALLOON!

the FLOATING Ball



HOLD A LOOP OF THIN BLACK THREAD BY YOUR THUMBS AND PLACE A PING PONG BALL ON IT. STRETCH THE THREADS TIGHTLY. AS THE BALL ROLLS BACK AND FORTH, IT WILL APPEAR TO BE FLOATING WEIRDLY IN SPACE!



YOU WILL AMAZE YOUR FRIENDS BY STANDING A PLAYING CARD UPRIGHT AND BALANCING A GLASS OF WATER ON IT! JUST PASTE A FLAP ON THE BACK OF THE CARD. (IF THE FLAP HAS THE SAME DESIGN AS THE BACK OF THE CARD, IT WILL BE INVISIBLE WHEN IT IS FOLDED DOWN.)

BOX of TRICKS No. 4



HERE ARE THREE SIMPLE OBJECTS, PAWS! A SHEET OF WHITE PAPER... A COIN...AND A DRINKING GLASS. I COVER THE COIN WITH THE GLASS AND KA-ZOOM! IT DISAPPEARS! WHERE DID IT GO?



HERE'S HOW! CUT A ROUND DISC OF WHITE PAPER TO FIT THE TOP OF A GLASS. PASTE THIS DISC TO THE RIM OF THE GLASS AND WIPE AWAY ANY EXCESS PASTE. WHEN THE GLASS IS RESTING UPSIDE DOWN ON THE WHITE SHEET OF PAPER, ITS WHITE COVER WILL BE INVISIBLE. SLIDE THE GLASS OVER THE COIN...THE COIN SEEMS TO DISAPPEAR! SLIDE THE GLASS AWAY...THE COIN REAPPEARS AS IF BY MAGIC!



I SHOOK A LITTLE PEPPER, ONTO A PILE OF SALT! I CAN REMOVE THE PEPPER WITHOUT TOUCHING IT OR BLOWING IT!

CAN YOU BLOW THIS BIG POP BOTTLE OVER? I CAN!



SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE, DOESN'T IT? JUST RUN A COMB THROUGH YOUR HAIR TO GENERATE ELECTRICITY. NOW FRISS THE COMB BACK AND FORTH OVER THE MIXTURE. THE PEPPER, SINCE IT IS LIGHTER IN WEIGHT THAN THE SALT, IS EASILY ATTRACTED TO THE COMB AND JUMPS TOWARD IT. A FEW GRAINS OF SALT MAY COME UP, TOO, BUT YOU WILL REMOVE ALL THE PEPPER.

PLACE A PAPER BAG ON THE TABLE AND STAND A BOTTLE OF POP ON IT. NOW BLOW INTO THE PAPER BAG AND THE BOTTLE WILL FALL OVER.

SHARE THE TREASURED
SECRETS of
the **MOST LOVABLE CLOWN**

in the WORLD,
**DON'T MISS NEXT
WEEK'S ISSUE**

POPOPO

ASK
YOUR
STORE-
KEEPER
TO SAVE
YOUR
COPY!



IT'S
COLOSSAL!
STUPENDOUS!
STARTLING!
SUPER!

KIDS!

See and hear me every week

ON T.V.

Tune in

Poppo

"THE POPCORN THEATRE"

a full hour of fun with POPPO, cartoons,
comedies and adventure!

LOOK IN YOUR LOCAL PAPER FOR TIME AND STATION

